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### **PSC MODIFIES HEARING SCHEDULE IN CASE WHERE AQUILA SEEKS TO SELL ITS GAS SYSTEM TO THE EMPIRE DISTRICT GAS COMPANY**

JEFFERSON CITY-- The Missouri Public Service Commission has modified the hearing schedule in a request filed by Aquila, Inc. d/b/a Aquila Networks-MPS and Aquila Networks-L&P, The Empire District Gas Company and The Empire District Electric Company.

The joint application seeks Commission authority for Aquila to sell, transfer and assign certain assets and liabilities regarding its natural gas system in Missouri to The Empire District Gas Company. The Empire District Gas Company is a newly formed, wholly owned subsidiary of The Empire District Electric Company.

Hearings, originally scheduled for March 30-31, 2006, will now be held on **March 29-30, 2006**. The hearings will be held in Room 310 of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, in Jefferson City. The Governor Office Building meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Anyone needing additional accommodations to participate in the proceedings should call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the hearings.

Aquila, Inc. provides natural gas service to approximately 48,500 customers in Missouri.

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